

Standards Committee Meeting

April 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Battalion Chief Hicks at 0908 Hours.

Members Present

Division Chief Charles Norman
Division Chief Clay Smith
Battalion Chief Doug Hicks
Battalion Chief Jonathan Kutka
Captain Jeff Smith
Captain Duane Shiers
Captain Raymond Russell
Lieutenant Hank Seguin
Lieutenant Erik Withrow
Nikolaus Sonksen, Supply Supervisor
Office Assistant Christina Whitendale

Old Business

- 1) Gloves- more demo gloves need to be tested.
- 2) Boots- Captain Shiers is researching the purchase price of our standard issue boots and will look into comparable alternatives.
- 3) Door Codes- Suggested to change all to match.
- 4) Pig, New York Hook, and ProBar Halligan were previewed and discussed by the Committee.
- 5) Confined Space Tripods were added to both trucks.
- 6) 100' of 1" hose with an inline tee was added to the Patrols to fulfill Type 6 requirements.
- 7) 2" Minute Man load- more testing to be done on different engines with SCBA and specifics on how to properly load.
- 8) Evaluation forms were discussed. Elena made a Draft.

New Business

- 1) Gloves- Chief Kutka is arranging for two additional pairs of mid-range priced (\$50-70) demo gloves for Captain Shiers, Lieutenant Withrow and Lieutenant Seguin. Each pair will be evaluated for dexterity, size, etc. These individuals will field test each pair and determine the best fit for our needs. Demos to be paid for through our Supply Center budget.
- 2) Boots- Captain Shiers had not yet received a response to previous inquiries. Will continue researching the purchase price of our standard issue boots and will look into comparable alternatives.
- 3) Lt. T. Lewis formally recommended ceasing purchase & replacement of 6' pike poles in favor of New York Roof Hooks. Discussion commenced regarding the advantages of replacing pike poles with this tool: better at pulling ceiling, makes better use of mechanical advantage, can be used for other purposes, and only \$5 more. Some disadvantages: All steel construction (electrocution issues?), will not replace the rock

bar, and (with the exception of the Rosenbauers) would require some modification to apparatus to carry. Historically, there have been no electrocutions from use of this tool and the contaminated pike poles we currently use may act as conductors as well, especially when wet. Lieutenant Withrow made the motion to have the Fire Department purchase New York Hooks for the Rosenbauers at Stations 4, 7, 20 and 28 as well as the two Trucks. All new Engines to be equipped with this tool and current 6' pike poles are to be replaced with this tool as the replacement need arises. Captain Russell seconded this motion and it was put to a vote. Unanimous approval and none opposed.

4) Hose Complement-

1. Conflicting/Missing information on SOG-104 and 401. Chiefs Hicks and Kutka to review and edit.
2. Truck 28 is commonly used in place of the Engine and should be equipped as such- 600 5" hose and 600 3" hose. Compliment to be reviewed and edited by Chiefs Hicks and Kutka.
3. Wildland Hose needs not be inventoried as may be left at scene of fires, out of county, etc. Nik to discuss with Chief Whitendale.

5) Patrols-

1. Instead of carrying the Type III complement on the Patrols, it should be amended to meet the Type VI standard. SOG modification to be done by Chief Hicks.
2. Chief Smith noticed generators and chain saws being maintained at Supply from off the Patrols. These will not be returned due to space limitation.

6) Halligan- Current vs. ProBar

Different sizes are currently being used and not with any efficacy. As shown in training, the ProBar's shape is better at accessing the door jamb pivot points and gaining entry. Captain Smith moves to exchange the halligans in the Hi-Techs and trucks with the 30" Pro-Bar (1-piece) without rings next fiscal year, the Rosenbauers the following year and the KMEs after that. All new Engines are to be outfitted with this tool. Lieutenant Withrow seconds the motion and it was put to a vote. Unanimous approval and none opposed.

Future Business

- 1) None.

This meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was scheduled for May 29th at 9 a.m.

Any parties interested in making suggestions, please contact any members of the Standards Committee with new agenda items by May 26th. Thank you.